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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
 continuation application of:
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/955,720 filed 09/19/01

Title EXPANDABLE SLIDE AND RAIL ASSEMBLY FOR A RACK AND METHOD OF INSTALLING SAME

Name of applicant(s) Karl J. Dobler, Kelly K. Smith, and Robert J. Hastings

Copy of Application

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
 filed on _____ in _____
 The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
 filed _____.
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Rule Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s):

This is a continuation divisional
 of copending application number 09/955,720 filed on 09/19/01,
 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

() Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

() Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____

Registration No. _____

() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

() the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

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Other Amendments

(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

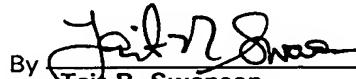
Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 — 20 | 0 | X \$18 | \$ 0 |
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| ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | 0 | | \$290 | \$ 0 |
| BASIC FEE: Design (\$340.00); Utility (\$770.00) | | | | \$ 770 |
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| TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | | | | \$ 770 |

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Respectfully submitted,



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